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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	§	
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Ran OREN et al	§	
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Serial No.: 10/591,341	§	Group Art Unit: 3773
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Filed: August 31, 2006	§	
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For: SUTURE MANIPULATING AND CUTTING IMPLEMENT	§	
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Examiner: Mark F. Mashack	§	Our Ref: 32176

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir,

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Official Action mailed November 3, 2008, which response is being made before February 3, 2009, and for which no extension of time fees are due.

Applicant submits this response for entry into the record, in which:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments to Specification begin on Page 2.**

**Amendments to Claims begin on Page 4.**

**Remarks begin on Page 8.**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: